

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Reception Given Last Evening by Miss Franc Littlefield.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The first important social event of the week was the reception given last evening from 8 till 11 o'clock by Miss Franc Littlefield, complimentary to her friends Mr. and Mrs. William Trump. Screened by a banking of palms in the hall, music from a stringed orchestra greeted the guests on entering.

The front parlor was festooned with Christmas greens. Soft pink shades were on the chandeliers and lamps shone over the brilliant scene with their glow also softened by the same delicate hue. Holly berries and leaves hung to draperies here and there; Christmas greens were everywhere, and the crystal berries of the mistletoe gleamed from the chandeliers. The largest and happily least conspicuous spray of it being in the cozy little tete-a-tete room off the back parlor, where punch was served throughout the evening. Over the door of this room, the clever hostess had placed among the decorations three tiny owls to appropriately remind all comers that "three is a crowd." The tete-a-tete room, back parlor and dining room were in red and green, the table being tastefully decorated in holly. Miss Littlefield, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Will Trump, received in becoming costume of blue green crepe with trimming of geranium colored velvet around the neck, gloves and slippers to match. Mrs. Trump wore her wedding gown of white satin duchesse, the bodice veiled in chiffon.

Assisting throughout the rooms were Mrs. W. N. West, attired in her wedding gown of white satin; Misses May Wasson in pink silk, lace and chiffon bodices; Eleanor Wilson, in green silk, trimmings of emerald green velvet; Mattie Valentine, in green silk; Myrtle Johnson, in pink brocade silk, bodice mousseline de soie; Bessie Gilson, in light green silk, veiled in chiffon; Henrietta Thompson, in light blue silk, carried roses; Mary Thompson, in white mull over satin slip, sleeves of satin, Rosewood Horton, in light blue brocade silk, pearl trimmings, carried white roses; Alice Prescott, in ribbon striped tulle, pink satin sleeves, chiffon drapery, amber beads in hair; Helen Moon, in white crepe, low neck, outlined with violet; Frances Moon, in lavender satin, over dress of white mull, lavender ribbon.

Badger-Brown.

A pretty home wedding occurred last evening at 8:30 in Leavenworth, Kansas. Miss Mabel Brown of that city and Mr. Fred W. Badger of the Journal, being the contracting parties. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. James W. Brown, and was performed by Rev. L. T. Underwood of the First Christian church. The house was appropriately decorated in Christmas greens, mistletoe and holly. Other floral decorations were magnolia buds from Alabama, carnations from California and orange blossoms from Florida. All sent to the bride by the bride's relatives, the mistletoe and holly coming from Oklahoma. The bride party stood under a bell of holly and mistletoe. The attendants were Mr. Charles Kellogg of Kansas City, brother of the groom, and Miss Ida Cunningham of Oklahoma City, cousin of the bride. Miss Cunningham wore pale blue silk. The bride was most becomingly attired in white silk, mull, gilet skirt; bodice trimmed with rose passementerie; she carried bride's roses and a real lace handkerchief, one of her wedding gifts. Mr. Carl Hoffman played the wedding march. Miss Brown was born and reared in Leavenworth and will be much regretted by a large circle of friends there. Mr. and Mrs. Badger will be at home to friends in Topeka after January 1st.

Houston-Dann.

Last evening at 8 o'clock Miss Minnie Dann and Mr. Henry Houston were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, 932 Kansas avenue, Rev. Mr. Embree officiating. Only the immediate relatives of the bride were present at the ceremony. Mr. Houston is treasurer and business manager of the Teachers' Aid association, and the bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. J. Dann, who has been for many years a resident of this city.

A Children's Party.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. White entertained thirty-five of their children and grandchildren yesterday at Christmas dinner at their home, 835 Clay street. After the elaborate dinner was served the time was given up to a musical and literary programme and the distribution of presents from a beautiful Christmas tree which contained pleasant surprises for all.

Finch-Fowler.

The home of Mrs. H. M. Fowler, at Ottawa, was the scene of a home wedding last evening at 8 o'clock, when her daughter, Miss Martin Fowler, sister of Mr. Harvey Fowler of the Journal, and Mr. Frank L. Finch of the Ottawa Republican, were united in marriage. Miss Fowler has been a teacher in the Ottawa public schools for two years.

General Social Notes.

Mrs. H. Wetherell's dancing party last evening was largely attended and was a very pleasant affair. He will give another party New Year's afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tinkham gave a Christmas dinner and tree at their elegant home 847 Topeka avenue. The Steadman Club will meet tonight with Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Roky at 118 West Sixth street.

Minor Social Mention.

Miss Franc Littlefield will entertain the Douze whist club Saturday. Mr. Ed. Ogsten of Chicago spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Wilmarth. Miss Mabel Wilson of Chicago is the guest of Miss Ethel Shurt. Mrs. S. Bernheimer entertained a party of out of town relatives at dinner Sunday. Among them Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burgener of Winfield, and son Master Willie; Mrs. C. E. Schlusser of Newton and Mrs. M. Klinefelter. Miss A. L. Dicklow of Ottawa, and Miss Lillian Dickinson of Wichita, both

teachers, will be the guests of Mrs. W. Littlefield this week. Miss Marie Shiras of Ottawa will be the guest of Miss Littlefield tomorrow and remain over New Year's. Prof. Schuyler Opp of Wakeeney is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. March 1212 West Sixth street.

THE CHRISTMAS OF 1854.

Celebrated at Dr. Martin's Home—What Old Settlers Remember of It.

A social gathering of more than ordinary interest was that at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Martin last evening in celebration of the doctor's arrival in Topeka forty years ago yesterday at sunset. The doctor says: "Just as the Christmas sunset was reddening the western sky, and one of the prairie fires, so common in the winter of '54, was casting even a brighter glow over the eastern horizon, we, Mr. Hiram Covell, Messrs. Cook and Partridge of New York and I, rode up to a little 9x12 one room cabin at First and Kansas avenue and greeted the man who came to the door with the Arkansas Traveler's query, 'Can we get to say all night?' Col. Holliday, for it was he who stood in the door, replied, 'I'm very sorry gentlemen, but our rooms are all taken.'"

Last evening was given up to pleasant reminiscences. Among those present were five former Topeka belles, who were girls together. Mrs. Dudley, who was Miss Minnie Oda, Mrs. Lakin, who was Miss Mary Ward, Mrs. Alken, who was Miss Minnie Farnsworth, Mrs. Hugh Ross, who was Miss Alice Ward, and Mrs. J. M. Meade, who was Miss Jennie Ward.

Mrs. Ross Burns, widow of Captain Burns, who was injured in Price's raid, was there; Mrs. Waymouth, one of the first women who came to Topeka, was a guest; Mr. and Mrs. R. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crawford, Dr. Huntman, Mr. Jacob Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Deuley, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Alken and son Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Colt Farnsworth, Mrs. Sarah Garvey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. P. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reisinger and other pioneer Topekanes were among the invited guests.

The evening was informal and early hardships were easily forgotten under the glow of the gaslight and the genial influence of the cordial hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Martin, so gracefully dispensed in their happy home. With the memory of auspicious Christmas dinners so near, some of the men who founded Topeka, found it hard to remember what was the bill of fare served to them forty years ago yesterday.

Mr. E. W. Giles said: "I spent that Christmas day on the south bank of the Shunganunga, in the vain attempt to dig a cellar on the site of my proposed residence. The day was extremely warm, so much so that I removed my coat and vest, and laid down upon the hard baked earth to cool. My dinner that day? I remember it very well. I had a couple full of beans, and after I had finished them I filled the cup with water and drank it. 'That night,' Mr. Giles continued, 'the coyotes having snuffed some beef which we had hanging on the outside of the cabin came down near by and barked all night, so much disturbing our rest that we got up and went out, and did our best to bark just like them. There were beside myself, Col. C. K. Holliday, Jacob and Eben Chase, James Healey and others, but of course we were considerably younger than we are now.'"

Col. C. K. Holliday said: "I remember very little about the Christmas of '54. We did not think much of Christmas. One thing I do remember is that the winter was phenomenally mild." Col. Holliday says he has no recollection of many such luxuries as beans, mush and molasses being the principal diet.

Mr. J. A. Hickey said: "I do not recall Christmas as a holiday particularly from other days in that winter." Mr. E. P. Baker said that his first Christmas in Topeka was not spent in Topeka, but on the way home from Washington.

Mr. Baker said: "On Christmas day '54, that was a very odd day. I crossed the Mississippi river on the ice at Quincy, Ill. On that occasion I carried in my arms a little child, who was coming out with her mother to join her father in Kansas. That child is the wife of Mr. W. O. Ewing, now connected with the Dudley bank in this city."

FEW JAPS WERE KILLED.

General Oyama Comes Off With Little Damage in the Last Fight.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—The Japanese forces, commanded by Field Marshal Oyama, lost 500 men and 12 officers and 351 men wounded in the recent engagement fought with the Chinese troops commanded by Gen. Sung in the vicinity of New Changung.

The Korean government has decided to borrow 5,000,000 yen from the Japanese government, and in addition the government of Korea will issue notes to the amount of 15,000,000 yen.

FASTEST WESTERN RUN

Ever-Made Is On Record for the Burlington Fast Mail.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 26.—The Burlington fast mail train made a remarkable run between Creston and Council Bluffs yesterday. The distance is 104 miles and the time consumed, including seven stops, was 113 minutes. This is the fastest run ever made in the west.

DON'T KNOW HOW MANY.

Prisoners at Prescott, Ariz., Get Away and Officers in Pursuit.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Several prisoners confined in the county jail here escaped and have not been recaptured. Among the number is William Price, under conviction of murder and sentenced to be hanged February next. A strange thing connected with the delivery is that no one can give the number of prisoners who got away, and outside of Price, no names are given. The officer who had charge of the jail is in pursuit.

Boys Burned In a Powder Explosion.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—Five white boys were terribly burned yesterday in a suburb of Richmond by an explosion of gunpowder. A fire cracker was accidentally thrown into the house containing the powder for use on a pyrotechnic. Some may die from their injuries.



FOR A ROSEBUD AND HER SISTER. The child's dress is of blue and gray plaid with blue trimmings of surah. The collar is of cashmere in terra cotta with silver braid and buttons. White crepe and grosgrain trim the waist.

Ample Waisted Women.

A noticeable feature of the recent gathering of Sorosis at Sherry's was the large number of classically ample waists that were in evidence. It was an exception which was almost conspicuous to see a painfully compressed waist girth.

Many women wore artistic gowns that were palpably fitted over health waists, and even those whose figures were corrected showed no evidence of being under any serious pressure. The assemblage was wonderfully well dressed and was therefore an excellent field for the study of the appearance of hygienic dress. It is through club women that the reform will come—has come, one may truly say. The style and elegance of the gowns worn by these 50 club women merely proved what has long been asserted—that when women dictated modistes would follow. So many women are insisting that their clothes shall be made on hygienic models that many dressmakers now systematically design such costumes every season, adapting the prevailing fashions so skillfully to the comfortable model that to the casual observer the customer appears dressed entirely in style.—New York Times.

The New Colors.

To be fashionable, brains are necessary this season. Even in the matter of the new colors it requires time and study to be able to talk intelligently and with graceful ease about a "coquelicot" waist, for instance, or a new stock of "perovanche." To the woman who is uneducated in the matter of fashion purchasing her winter wardrobe will indeed be a burden.

In order that she may know the new colors by name, here is a list of the latest, with their definitions: Neapolitan is a violet shade of the popular bluet, jaqueminot is the color of the rose after which it is named, highland heather is an exquisite shade of pinkish heliotrope, cravette is a delicate yellowish pink, floelle is a thread color, coquelicot is a bright poppy red, perovanche is a light shade of mauve, tamarind pink looks much like orange, Lincoln green is a dark shade like hunter's green, serpent green is a brighter color, couille is a rather light reddish brown, and havanna is a rich russet brown. These are the principal colors which the latest materials show.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Making the Silk Gown.

The skirt will be bell shaped; the waist a round one, with leg of mutton sleeves, each containing four yards of material; round waist of cherry, blue, yellow, green or mauve satin or grosgrain, with a crush collar of velvet of the same color; braces of jet only or of the black silk covered with jet; loose Fedora front dropping in French fashion over the front of the belt of black jetted gauze. Another style shows a yoke of tucked chiffon, black over cherry silk and a cherry velvet collar. Below the yoke is draped a jet corsage ornament finished with a full of "ruffles." Others have a yoke or collar of jet vandykes with bead, spangie and nail head effects over a colored silk yoke, as one of bluet chiffon, forming puffs between each point. A French model shows the upper part of the silk waist slashed to show a colored lining beneath and the slashes edged with narrow jet. In some cases the sleeves are slashed to correspond. Belts of silk velvet or ribbon are worn.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Woman Parliamentarian.

The adoption at the recent meeting of the New York state woman's clubs in this city of Mrs. H. R. Shattuck's "Woman's Manual" as the authority of the newly formed state federation in all parliamentary matters was a compliment to all women and a deserved compliment to one in particular. Mrs. Shattuck understands official and legislative red tape as most women do, and it is quite right that her admirable brochure should supersede "Cushing's Manual," at least in all

gatherings of women. The New Jersey state federation also adopted it a few days ago.

Boston's Woman Voters.

The prediction that the foreign born women would be the first to rush to the polls is one of the most frequent arguments against woman suffrage. Yet, after 15 years of school suffrage in Boston, the Boston Herald says, "It still remains a conspicuous fact that the registration of women voters in the wards where the great bulk of the foreign population of Boston resides is almost nil." On the other hand, about 10,000 native born women register every year and have practically controlled the election of the school board for years past.

College Women's Votes.

The college communities in Kansas showed at the recent election that among intelligent people woman suffrage finds its strongest support. The Second (University) Ward at Lawrence and the Manhattan college precinct gave majorities for amendment. Leecompton, where Lane university is located, gave 46 majority. Baldwin, out of a population of 1,000, gave a majority of 195. Paker university, a Methodist college, is situated there.

Her Campaign Expenses.

Mrs. Fannie Reid-Slusser, who is elected county superintendent of schools in Wyandotte county, Kan., has submitted a statement showing that her campaign expenses were only \$118, of which \$30 went to the county central committee and \$44 to the printer. A state paper wants to know if this remarkably small expenditure is an indication that money would be less a factor in political campaigns in which women figure!

Women in China.

"When I first went to China," said Miss Fiedle, the well known missionary, "20 years ago, the average price of a wife was \$10. When I left, two years ago, it had risen to \$200, and but few girls were being strangled at birth."

Right to Their Earnings.

The draft of the bill giving married women full control over the products of their personal industry has been approved by the committee of the French chambers. M. Goriand, who introduced the measure, was inspired by Mme. Henri Schmitt, the most energetic advocate of women's rights in France and editor of L'Avant-Courrier, the organ of the groupe feministe.

Muff and Togue Alike.

It is a fad to have muff and toque to match. A chic example is carried out in neapolitan violet velvet. The square pointed sides of the toque are trimmed with violets and sable tail. The same is on the muff, with the addition of a pretty gathering of lace on one side.

Mrs. Maude M. Pencie had to withdraw from her nomination as superintendent of public schools in Nevada county, Cal., on the ground that her husband had not resided there long enough.

Woman suffrage is marching on slowly but surely wherever it has been tried—in New Zealand as in Colorado. And it is coming in Maine, coming 50,000 strong.—Bath (Me.) Daily Times.

A new departure in Russian journalism has been initiated at Helsingfors, with the establishment in that city of a newspaper edited and conducted entirely by a staff of ladies.

The newest lacepins have bullet heads either iridescent, green, mauve or deep blue, sold in pairs, united by a chain—an old fashion which revisits us.

The women's clubs in and about Washington have federated under the title of "The Federation of Women's Clubs of the District of Columbia."

John Gary Evans, governor of South Carolina, recommends opening all four classes of state colleges to women.

HOLIDAY ECONOMIES.

MANY GIFTS MADE WITH SMALL OUTLAY OF TIME AND MONEY.

A Pretty Darning Bag That Can Be Completed For 17 1-2 Cents or May Cost More if You Use Expensive Materials. Other Cheap and Easily Made Gifts.

Here are a few points for the girls and women who are bothered about their Christmas gifts. The things I shall describe may be made by any one with just a little bit of skill at needlework and without any great expenditure of time and energy. As to money, the amount needed for each may be very small indeed, though I have seen duplicates of some of the articles held at fancy prices in the art exchanges and other stores where such things are sold.



CHATELAINE FOR SCISSORS. As I have made all these things myself, I know exactly what I am talking about, for I am not blessed with much money, great skill as a needlewoman or an abundance of spare time.

I shall first describe a darning bag which I have just completed to send to my dearest friend. In money this bag cost me:

- One yard of cretonne.....15¢
- Three-quarters of a yard of narrow ribbon 3
- One dozen small brass rings.....2
- Total.....17 1/2¢

I used some bits of pasteboard besides these materials and some bits of flannel, but I had the flannel and got the pasteboard out of discarded paper boxes. The diagram will show how I cut the cretonne, the pasteboard and the flannel. Besides the pieces shown, I used for the center of the bag a strip of cretonne 1 1/2 yards long and 10 inches wide. Then I covered the three pieces of pasteboard with cretonne. Then I used two of them as the foundation of the main receptacle of the darning bag, shirring the long strip of cretonne and attaching it to the covered pieces of pasteboard as shown in the cut. Then I made a smaller receptacle or pocket by shirring the 12 by 9 inch piece of cretonne to the outside of one of the two pieces of pasteboard, running through the little bag a piece of elastic in order to draw the opening shut. The third piece of pasteboard was used, with the one on the side of the main bag opposite the pocket, to form a needlebook, as shown. The bits of flannel were used as leaves to the needlebook. I used three leaves, but of course you may use as many as you like. The rings I fastened to the mouth of the large bag, running the ribbon through them, in order to hang the whole from a hook fastened in the door of a closet.

If you wish to, you may fit up this bag with shoe buttons, darning thread, needles, etc., at a total cost of from 12 to 50 cents, according as you have more or less money to spend and the bargain sales in your vicinity. If you want to use silk or satin in place of the cretonne and embroider the bag, the bag may cost as much as you like, of course.

Another very effective and pretty gift, which will cost a little more than the bag, is a chataleine for scissors. For this you will need 16 brass rings, each an inch in diameter, 1 1/2 yards of inch wide satin ribbon, four skeins of twisted embroidery silk and the scissors. The cost to me of each of the four I have made lately was:

- Rings.....4
- Ribbon.....15
- Silk.....32
- Scissors.....15
- Total.....66

You may not want to buy such cheap scissors, but I was very lucky in my cheap ones. For 35 cents you can get very good ones, with a fine temper, that will hold an edge indefinitely and long after the ribbon has worn out. I have placed one of the four chataleines I made in the guest chamber in my house, where it is an ornamental object, swinging from a little hook in the wall. Such chataleines are very pretty gifts and are very convenient at those gatherings of ladies where there is a little sewing, a little innocent gossip and a little tea drinking. Sometimes the wearer will add a needlebook, a thimble case and an emery bag to the chataleine, and then she is well accustomed to grapple with the work of the sewing circle.

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While I am writing about the making of pretty things for Christmas presents, the chief value of which lies in the work put on the articles by loving hands, I desire to say a word or two to some women readers, who, because they know that they have artistic tastes and perceptions, are striving to paint pictures and pottery and to do decorative work generally with the brush for money, but are constantly discouraged by their lack of success, especially when they essay anything outside of copied work. And this is what I would say. The art of the painter is long, and life is short. To but few comparatively is there given the genius necessary to win success in the painter's field, but hundreds, maybe thousands, who can but fail in that, may succeed in embroidery, a most delightful and remunerative art, notwithstanding the fact that it is not regarded with favor by "the fin de siecle woman." I cannot embroider beautifully myself, but I have a friend who tried in vain to make her way with the brush who had no difficulty in learning how to embroider so well that under her magic fingers little bits of material that can be bought for a few cents are transformed into pieces of embroidery that sell readily and at such good prices that she is able to earn for herself a very comfortable living. Add what she has done may be done by many others like her. ELOISE SPANGHER.

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Redeemed Land in Arizona.

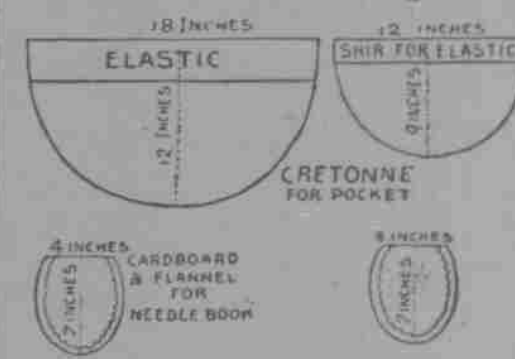
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all the rings have been used, when a few inches of ribbon will be left, and from this make a bow at the end. This bow will hide the safety pin which fastens the chataleine to the wearer's waist.

It took me one afternoon of leisurely work to make the darning bag, but if I were to hurry I could make two. I do not like making them as well as the chataleines, for I am not fond of the oversewing that is necessary in covering the bits of pasteboard; but, as you have seen, the bag is the cheaper of the two. A chataleine for scissors can be made in two hours.

Hemstitched handkerchiefs are favorites with me. They are always pretty, and their chief value lies in the work that is put on them. I have so many gifts to make for young women friends that I rarely pay more than at the rate of from 15 to 20 cents for the small squares of linen that I use. You all know how to hemstitch. I am slow at such work, but I can do a handkerchief in a day, and I have seen hemstitched handkerchiefs sold in the stores at \$5 or \$6 that I could have done in a day. These had real lace on the edges, however, and this added to their value, of course, but you can buy lace that will add greatly to the beauty of a handkerchief—"baby lace," it is called—at from 10 cents to 50 cents a yard. Less than two yards will do for each handkerchief. If you do not want to go to the expense of the lace, you may embroider an initial in the corner of the handkerchief, but that will be slow work for some of you.

A very pretty gift can be made of three such wooden rings as are sometimes used in gymnastics. My rings cost me nothing, for my brother gave them to me, but they can be bought at the art stores cheaply. However, the cost is trifling, and all that is needed besides the rings to make a substitute for a towel rack that is prettier than most racks is 2 1/2 yards of 1 1/2 inch ribbon. The ribbon is cut into three pieces, and a ring is fastened to the end of each. Then the free ends are joined, the joining covered with a bow and the whole suspended from the wall. The towels are then drawn through the rings, and if they are pretty towels the whole is ornamental as well as useful. You can get huckaback toweling by the yard at from 15 to 35 cents. Hemstitch the towels at the ends exactly as you would hemstitch a handkerchief all around, then initial it, and you can fit up your rings with three towels for from 45 cents to \$1.05. The whole outfit, rings and towels, need not cost more than from \$1 to \$1.50, and this would include the floss used in embroidering the initial.



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